AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A method of responding to a request for data about an enterprise,

2   the method comprising the steps of:

3   storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a first

4   plurality of corresponding concepts in a database of concepts and relationships

5   among concepts, which database describes a plurality of entities associated with

6   the enterprise, wherein each name of the plurality of names is associated with a

7   particular concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

8   designating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a normative

9   concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the single entity to other

10   entities of the enterprise;

11   storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship

12   defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the first plurality of

13   corresponding concepts, wherein the first relationship includes an attribute

14   indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym for the first concept, an

15   acronym for the first concept, and a translation into a different language than a

16   language of the first name corresponding to the first concept;

17   storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between the

18   first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of corresponding

19   concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the first concept;

20   receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of names,

21   wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name corresponding to

22   the first concept, wherein:

23   the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the first

24   plurality of corresponding concepts; and

25   the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept and

26   the particular alternative concept; and

27   in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file that is

28   associated in the database with the second concept.

1   2.   (Canceled)

1   3.   (Canceled)

1   4.   (Canceled)

1   5.   (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of names include at

2   least one of [[a]] the synonym for the first name corresponding to the first concept, [[an]]

3   the acronym for the first name, and [[a]] the translation of the first name into [[a]] the

4   different language than [[a]] the language of the first name.

1   6.   (Canceled)

1   7.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   8.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name comprises an

3   acronym of the first concept or a translation into a different language than a language of

4   the first name corresponding to the first concept.

1   9.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of adding a name to the

2   plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   10.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   11.   (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 10, wherein the entities include the set of

2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at

3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   12.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of

2   instructions for responding to a request for data about an enterprise, which instructions,

3   when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to carry out

4   the steps of:

5   storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a first

6   plurality of corresponding concepts in a database of concepts and relationships

7   among concepts, which database describes a plurality of entities associated with

8   the enterprise, wherein each name of the plurality of names is associated with a

9   particular concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

10   indicating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a normative

11   concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the single entity to other

12   entities of the enterprise;

13   storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship

14   defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the first plurality of

15   corresponding concepts, <u>wherein the first relationship includes an attribute</u>

16   <u>indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym for the first concept, an</u>

17   <u>acronym for the first concept, and a translation into a different language than a</u>

18   <u>language of the first name corresponding to the first concept;</u>

19   storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between the

20   first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of corresponding

21   concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the first concept;

22   receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of names,

23   wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name corresponding to

24   the first concept, wherein:

25   the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the first

26   plurality of corresponding concepts; and

27   the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept and

28   the particular alternative concept; and

29   in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file that is

30   associated in the database with the second concept.

1   13.   (Canceled)

1   14.   (Canceled)

1   15.   (Canceled)

1   16.   (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the plurality
2   of names include at least one of [[a]] the synonym for the first name corresponding to the
3   first concept, [[an]] the acronym for the first name, and [[a]] the translation of the first
4   name into [[a]] the different language than [[a]] the language of the first name.

1   17.   (Canceled)

1   18.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, wherein the
2   plurality of names includes the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for
3   the first name includes a misspelling of the first name.

1   19.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the instructions further
2   cause the one or more processors to carry out the step of adding a name to the plurality of
3   names based on the data included in the request.

1   20.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein the entities include at
2   least one of a set of products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set
3   of activities of the enterprise.

1   21.   (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of Claim 20, wherein the entities
2   include the set of activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the
3   enterprise include at least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and
4   documentation.

1   22.   (Currently Amended) A system for responding to a request for data about an enterprise,
2   the system comprising:
3   a means for storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise;
4   a means for indicating a first name of the plurality of names as a normative name,
5   wherein the normative name is used to relate the single entity to other entities of
6   the enterprise;
7   a means for storing a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first relationship
8   defined for the first name and an alternative name of the plurality of names,
9   wherein the first relationship includes an attribute indicating the alternative name

10   is one of a synonym for the first name, an acronym for the first name, and a

11   translation into a different language than a language of the first name;

12   a means for storing a second relationship of a second relationship type between the first

13   name and particular information not among the plurality of names, wherein the

14   particular information is different than the first name;

15   a means for receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the

16   plurality of names, wherein the request does not include data indicating the first

17   name and the database does not include a relationship defined for the particular

18   information and the particular name; and

19   a means for sending a response including content of a file that is associated in a database

20   with the particular information in response to receiving the request, which

21   database describes a plurality of entities associated with the enterprise.

1   23.   (Canceled)

1   24.   (Canceled)

1   25.   (Canceled)

1   26.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 22, wherein the plurality of names include at

2   least one of [[a]] the synonym for the first name, [[an]] the acronym for the first name,

3   and [[a]] the translation of the first name into [[a]] the different language than [[a]] the

4   language of the first name.

1   27.   (Canceled)

1   28.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 26, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   29.   (Original) The system of Claim 22, further comprising a means for adding a name to the

2   plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   30.   (Original) The system of Claim 22, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   31.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 30, wherein the entities include the set of

2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at

3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   32.   (Currently Amended) A system for responding to a request for data about an enterprise,

2   the system comprising:

3   a database of concepts and relationships among concepts describing a plurality of entities

4   associated with the enterprise; and

5   a processor configured to perform the steps of:

6   storing a plurality of names for a single entity associated with the enterprise as a

7   first plurality of corresponding concepts in the database, wherein each

8   name of the plurality of names is associated with a particular concept of

9   the first plurality of corresponding concepts;

10   indicating a first concept of the first plurality of corresponding concepts as a

11   normative concept, wherein the normative concept is used to relate the

12   single entity to other entities of the enterprise;

13   storing in the database a first relationship of a first relationship type, the first

14   relationship defined for the first concept and an alternative concept of the

15   first plurality of corresponding concepts, wherein the first relationship

16   includes an attribute indicating the alternative concept is one of a synonym

17   for the first concept, an acronym for the first concept, and a translation

18   into a different language than a language of the first name corresponding

19   to the first concept;

20   storing in the database a second relationship of a second relationship type between

21   the first concept and a second concept not among the first plurality of

22   corresponding concepts, wherein the second concept is different than the

23   first concept;

24   receiving a request including data indicating a particular name of the plurality of

25   names, wherein the request does not include data indicating a first name

26   corresponding to the first concept, wherein:

27   the particular name corresponds to a particular alternative concept of the

28   first plurality of corresponding concepts; and

29   the database does not include a relationship defined for the second concept

30   and the particular alternative concept; and

31   in response to receiving the request, sending a response including content of a file

32   that is associated in the database with the second concept.

1   33.   (Canceled)

1   34.   (Canceled)

1   35.   (Canceled)

1   36.   (Currently Amended) The system of Claim 32, wherein the plurality of names include at

2   least one of [[a]] the synonym for the first name corresponding to the first concept, [[an]]

3   the acronym for the first name, and [[a]] the translation of the first name into [[a]] the

4   different language than [[a]] the language of the first name.

1   37.   (Canceled)

1   38.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 36, wherein the plurality of names includes

2   the synonym for the first name; and wherein the synonym for the first name includes a

3   misspelling of the first name.

1   39.   (Original) The system of Claim 32, the processor further configured to perform the step

2   of adding a name to the plurality of names based on the data included in the request.

1   40.   (Original) The system of Claim 32, wherein the entities include at least one of a set of

2   products of the enterprise, a set of services of the enterprise and a set of activities of the

3   enterprise.

1   41.   (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 40, wherein the entities include the set of
2   activities of the enterprise; and wherein the set of activities of the enterprise include at
3   least one of administration, research, marketing, joint ventures and documentation.

1   42.   (Canceled)